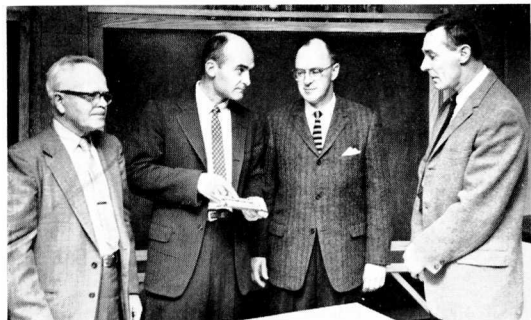


# Our 1958 Operating Story Is Enclosed

## AREA TEACHERS TAKE PART IN COMPANY SCIENCE SEMINARS



Opening the first of this year's four seminar sessions, Norton Cushman, Manager of Electrical Development and Engineering for the Special Products Division, points out an item of interest to Guy Cameron (left) Drury High School teacher, Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training and Publications, and Charles Kochenour, Williamstown High School teacher.

An audience of over 20 area high school and college mathematics and science teachers were present earlier this month in the Company's Marshall Street conference room to hear the first in the 1959 series of seminars offered to promote a better interchange of current and important information in scientific fields between industry and schools.

Three sessions remain in the current series which is part of an annual program launched by the Company last year.

Norton W. Cushman, Manager of Electrical Development and Engineering for the Special Products Division, conducted this first session which lasted about 1½ hours and consisted of a talk and demonstration on the subject of "Digital Computers." Courtney W. Flanders, Chairman of the committee responsible for the seminars introduced Mr. Cushman to the group.

Remaining sessions which are con-

ducted by Sprague scientific and engineering personnel will be offered according to the following schedule:

March 30th - "Batteries - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" with Donald Smyth as lecturer.

April 27th - "Semi-Conductors" with Dr. James Casey as lecturer.

May 11th - "Polymer Chemistry" with Dr. Manual Finkelstein as lecturer.

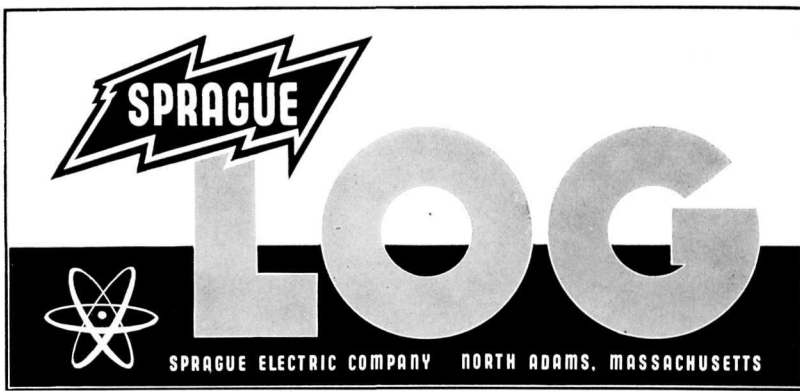
The program is part of the Company's continuing effort to promote scientific knowledge and an understanding of Sprague Electric's technical work. It is further felt that the series may assist science and mathematics teachers by giving them specific information for use in classroom work.

Invitations to attend have been extended to science and mathematics teachers at both public and parochial schools in Adams, Bennington, North Adams, and Williamstown and to the science faculty of the North Adams State Teachers College.

## Introducing . . . "Miss March"



It's Annual Report time at Sprague Electric and Betty Bushika plays executive for a short time to analyze her copy. Betty calls attention to the fact that THE LOG'S ANNUAL REPORT to employees appears on the inside as an attractive insert. A review of the 1958 operating story is but one page away! Betty hails from Stamford, Vermont and is employed by the Special Products Division in the Union Street Plant.

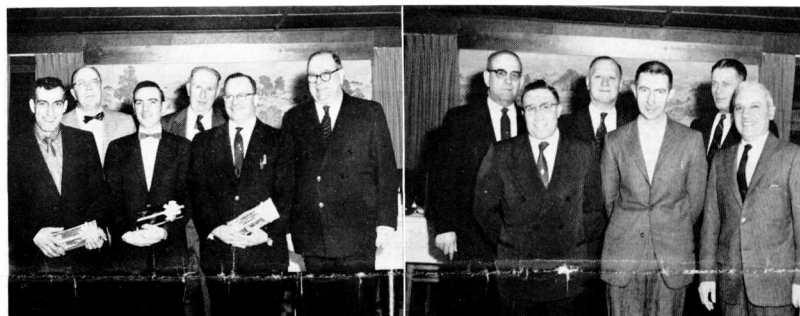


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## COMPANY TRUCK DRIVERS AMASS 72,264 ACCIDENT FREE DRIVING HOURS



Proud three year award winners as they appeared the night of the presentations are: Asife Samia; Fred Potter, Factory Manager who made the presentations; Norman Davignon; Harold Kline; Edward Bourdon; and William J. Nolan, Vice-President and Secretary who spoke briefly.

Equally proud two and one year award winners are shown with representatives of the Sprague Safety Department. From left to right are pictured: Arthur Mathews, Safety Director; Joseph A. Dupre; William Bohl; William Matthews; Chester Gallup; and Anthony Sacco, Assistant Safety Director who guides the Safe Driving Program.

## Sprague Scholarship Applications To Be Accepted April 1st

Frederick H. Whitham, of the Sprague Scholarship Committee, has announced that applications will be accepted from April 1st through May 1st from area high school seniors seeking Sprague scholarships.

Mr. Whitham added that application forms have been distributed to area high school Principals and Guidance offices and are now available to interested students. Completed applications should be mailed to the Sprague Scholarship Committee, Sprague Electric Company, 87 Marshall Street, North Adams, Mass.

The Sprague Scholarship Fund was established by the Company in 1950 and is aimed at assisting area students in obtaining higher educations. Recipients for the awards are recognized for their scholastic ability, leadership qualifications, ambition and need for financial assistance. The fund normally makes available \$8900 annually to area students.

**Scholarships Available—**  
Through the program the Company makes available three **Sprague Electric Scholarships** of \$500 per year for four years to sons or daughters of employees. These awards are restricted to graduates of high schools in Adams, North Adams and Williams-

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At ceremonies held last month, the Company honored nine of its truck drivers by presenting them with safe driving awards. The awards were in recognition of some 72,264 accident free driving hours compiled over a three year period.

Fred Potter, Factory Manager, made the presentations before some 30 persons at the Taconic Park Restaurant in Williamstown. William

## SEEBF Donates \$385 At March Meeting

Local charitable fund raising organizations will benefit again this month from the Sprague Electric Employee Benefit Fund. At the March meeting of the Benefit Fund Administrative Committee \$385 was donated to the Red Cross and to local Heart Funds.

Donations made for the month of March were as follows:

North Adams Heart Fund	\$150
Williamstown Heart Fund	\$25
Stamford Heart Fund	\$15
Stamford Red Cross	\$45
Adams Red Cross	\$150

The committee also mailed a check for \$3,000 to the North Adams United Fund as first installment on a pledge of \$13,000 made for the current year.

J. Nolan, Vice-President and Secretary, was principal speaker for the affair and was introduced by Arthur Mathews, Safety Director, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Nolan congratulated the drivers on their fine performances and expressed the thanks of the Sprague organization.

The record was amassed under a program directed by Anthony Sacco, Assistant Safety Director, who said that over the three year span, the recipients drove Sprague vehicles without accident to personnel, material, or equipment.

Drivers achieving this feat for a total of three years each, and receiving a wallet with an engraved safety award pin attached were: Edward Bourdon, Norman Davignon, Harold Kline, and Asife Samia.

Two year awards, consisting of a cigarette lighter with award pins attached, went to William Bohl and William Cooper. One year pins went to Alfred Dupre, Chester Gallup and William Matthews.

Guests present for the affair included: John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel, George Roy, Warehouse and Trucking Foreman; Alfred Boyer, Warehouse and Trucking Assistant Foreman; Herbert Hafner, Salvage Department Supervisor and Clayton Hynes a Maintenance Department Supervisor.

Mr. Neil Nelson, Safety Engineer for the American Mutual Insurance Company, was also present and said a few words.

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## Editorial . . .

## Our Customers Expect Top Quality

Customers not only expect, they demand top quality today. And, they expect top quality at the lowest possible price. You, as a customer yourself, will agree to that.

Therefore, in order to get and keep customers at Sprague Electric—to give them what they expect—means constant attention to the job on the part of every one of us.

Top quality means a perfect product or service—a product or service that will stand up under the most critical scrutiny and use. Can your work take the most critical inspection?

The customer wants top quality at the lowest possible cost. That means the very minimum amount of waste in performing our jobs each day. For, waste makes the cost of operation rise and determines in large part the price tag Sprague must put on its product or service.

Our customers expect top quality at the lowest possible cost. Let's give it to them through careful work all day every day.

## Names in the News

LEON PODOLSKY, Technical Assistant to the President, has been appointed to represent the Institute of Radio Engineers on the Technical Advisory Committee of the National Bureau of Standards for the period 1959 to 1961.

DAVID B. PECK, Manager of the Special Products Division, was guest speaker at the Radio Club of America, Inc. in New York City on February 17th. He spoke about New Packaging Techniques for Electronics.

ROBERT E. ARMITAGE, chief accountant, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

KURT LEHOVEC, of Research & Engineering, was awarded a patent for a transistor employing mercury drops as the contact electrodes.

GEORGE FERRAN, of Sprague International Ltd., was named to a 5 year term on the Williamstown Planning Board.

PRESTON ROBINSON, Consultant-Director, was awarded a patent for a process for coating magnetic metallic particles with a ferrite material, and also a patent for an electrolyte comprising fused organic salts.

DAVID B. PECK, of Special Products Division, was awarded a patent for a resin potted fuze transducer.

PHILIP TALARICO, of Shipping, was recently appointed to the Board of Appeals by Williamstown Selectmen.

FREDERICK WHITHAM, of Employee & Community Relations, was a recent guest speaker at the Rotary Club.

VINCENT TASSONE, of Purchasing, was elected President of the North Adams Junior Chamber of Commerce earlier this month.

EDWARD GODEK, of the Methods Department, was elected chairman of the Adams Selectmen for the coming year.

GEORGE SENECA, of the Formation Department, was elected for a three year term as selectman in Clarksburg.

## Social Security:

## Advice For Those Planning Retirement

If you are planning to retire and would like to receive social security checks immediately following your retiring date here are a few simple steps you should take.

Report to your local Social Security office at least 2 to 3 months prior to your retiring date. In this area a Social Security representative is at the North Adams Post Office every Monday between noon and 3 P.M. When you report have the following information and papers with you.

1. Your Social Security number.
2. Your spouse's Social Security number if applicable.
3. Proof of your age and spouse's age (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, etc.)
4. Your copy of your W-2 form showing your previous year's reported earnings.
5. A statement from your employer showing your up-to-date earnings in the current year.
6. An estimate of any additional earnings for the current year.

If you follow the above steps your application will be processed in time so that you will receive your checks immediately following retirement.

Additional information can be obtained by writing to your local Social Security Administration Office at 184 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts or call Pittsfield, Hillcrest 5-4582.

## Gray and Law Complete Company's Machine Shop Apprentice Course



Charles Gray



Donald Law

Charles Gray and Donald Law of the Machine Shop have successfully completed the Company's Machinists Apprentice Course, and as a result have been made tool and die makers in the Company's Machine Shop.

The concentrated four-year course is presented to employees under the guidance of an Apprentice Committee which includes both Machine Shop and management representatives. It is presented at no cost to the employee and includes a minimum of 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and 150 hours each year of intensive outside related studies.

Both graduates were honored earlier this month by their fellow employees at apprentice graduation ceremonies held at the Four Acres Restaurant in Williamstown. The occasion was attended by about 45 members of the Machine Shop and invited Management representatives.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of certificates by William J. Nolan, Sprague Vice President and Secretary. Each graduate was presented a certificate of completion of apprenticeship from the Common-

wealth of Massachusetts, Department of Labor and Industries, Division of Apprentice Training, qualifying each recipient as a journey man tool and die maker; a certificate from the Sprague Electric Company in recognition of the successful completion of a course in Machine Shop Apprenticeship; and a diploma from the International Correspondence School in recognition of successful completion of a course in Machine Shop Practices and Tool Making. Mr. Nolan also presented each with a set of machinists tools from the company.

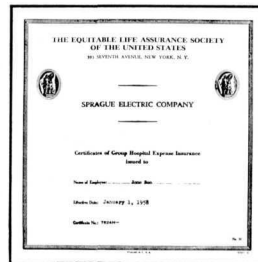
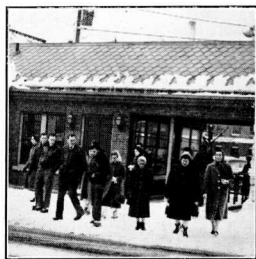
The graduates also received a purse from their fellow workers which were presented by John Gifford of the Machine Shop Apprentice Committee. The Committee which guides the Apprentice Program includes representatives of the Machine Shop and Sprague Management.

Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training & Publications and Chairman of the Committee, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the affair and introduced other Committee Members for a few words.

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## A Picture Quiz Review of Some Company Facts for 1958

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1. Our average monthly employment for the year was:  
a. 4,265  
b. 4,900  
c. 4,750  
d. 5,500
2. Hospital insurance and accident and health benefits paid to employees and their dependents amounted to:  
a. \$125,021.65  
b. \$250,455.20  
c. \$321,665.01  
d. \$ 65,228.42
3. The percentage of total income paid out in wages and salaries was about:  
a. 25%  
b. 36%  
c. 42%  
d. 46%
4. In 1958, under our scholarship program, we paid out dollars to award recipients and in matching grants to colleges and universities amounting to:  
a. \$500  
b. \$13,415  
c. \$2,000  
d. \$8,900
5. With the 1958 Service Award winners, we now have employees on our rolls with over 5 years service amounting to:  
a. 565  
b. 3,084  
c. 2,230  
d. 1,262
6. In 1958, the number of stockholders sharing ownership in our Company totaled:  
a. 2,643  
b. 1,260  
c. 2,245  
d. 1,860

## Sprague Electric to Participate In Business Education Day

The Sprague Electric Company will be one of about 40 firms in the area scheduled to participate in the North Adams Business Education Day to be held April 8.

According to current plans the Company will host about 30 local educators in a tour of our Research and Engineering Department. Brief talks by Company personnel on various phases of our operations and on the electronic industry as it affects Sprague Electric are also planned.

The program is sponsored by the North Adams Chamber of Commerce as part of its over-all Community Education Program. The aim of the affair is to give our teachers an opportunity to visit local businesses and industries and to increase their understanding of America's economic system, how it functions, and how teachers both contribute to and gain from an expanding economy.

Some 250 area public and parochial school teachers are expected to participate in the program which will take them into various local businesses and industries which include: retail stores, banks, utilities, printing and engraving establishments, wholesalers, manufacturers and a newspaper.

The affair will get underway April 8 in the Phoenix Hotel at a 12:30 luncheon at which the teachers and some 100 representatives of the hosting companies are expected to attend. At this event, the Rev. W. Seavey Joyce, S.J., Dean of the College of Business Administration of Boston College, will be principal speaker. He will be introduced by Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training and Publications, who is serving as Chairman of the Business-Education Day Committee.

Other Committee members in-

clude: John Bond of Bond Realty; Michael Dowhan of the Hunter Machine Company; The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Donahue, St. Joseph's School; Louis S. Gagliardi, President of the Chamber of Commerce; R.H. James Hewat of Strong, Hewat & Company; Charles McCann, principal of the North Adams Trade School; Mitchell NeJame of the Wall Streeter Shoe Company and Robert Taylor, Superintendent of the North Adams School System.

Another feature of the program will be an Education-Business Day to be held April 15 at which time local schools will in turn host area business and industrial leaders who participated in the Business-Education Day. At this affair representatives of participating companies will visit the schools for a luncheon, participate in a school tour and hear a panel discussion in the Drury Auditorium.

## Arthur Mathews To Lead Industrial Safety Counseling Service

An Industrial Counseling Service organized under the North Adams Chamber of Commerce's Fire, Health, and Safety Committee, has swung into action under Arthur Mathews, the Company's Safety Director.

In an announcement made this month, Mr. Mathews stated that the objective of the service is to render advice to various small industries and organizations in the area with regard to safety devices, procedures, and regulations. He added that the service is available evenings only and may be secured by calling the local Chamber office.

To carry out the objectives of the

## Management Club March Additions



**Lloyd King** - Foreman, Special Products Division is a veteran of twenty-one years service with the company. He has served as a Supervisor in Shift Registers and has held various other production jobs during this time. He is a native of North Adams, attended local schools and has served with the U.S. Navy in both World War II and the Korean conflict. He is married to the former Elinor Bechard of Adams and they have one daughter.



**Edward Harkin** Section Head, Flight Department joined the Company in September of last year as an executive pilot. He is a native of Stamford, Connecticut and attended Eastern States Teachers College in Ada, Oklahoma. He has served with various companies as a pilot prior to joining Sprague Electric. He is married to the former Barbara Scofield of Pound Ridge, New York and they have three children.

committee, an organization of consultants has been established to include specialists in five different crafts. These include:

**Arthur Mathews**—To act as chairman and coordinate committee activities, give advice on machine and equipment safety guards, and conduct safety inspections.

**Lucious Henry**—To give advice on electrical engineering matters.

**Franklin Frantz**—To give advice on industrial organic chemistry matters.

**Arthur Girard**—To give advice on fire prevention procedures.

**Stuart Pead**—To give advice concerning pressure vessels and sprinkler systems.

**George Forgea**—To give advice on the layout of electrical wiring to insure that it conforms to municipal codes and regulations.

## Twelve Share \$365 At February Suggestion Meeting

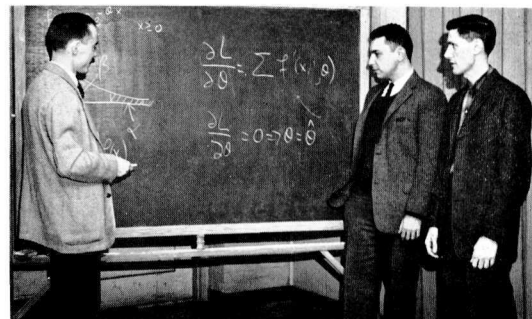
Twelve idea producing employees were rewarded for their efforts as the Suggestion Committee awarded them \$365 at its February meeting. This amount raises the total dollars awarded this year to \$470.

The winners were led by a trio of \$50 recipients which included: Frank Pushee and Samuel Miller of the Machine Shop and Mildred Butler of Sprague Products. Both Machine Shop ideas improved production techniques in the Formation Department and Etch House. Mildred's suggestion saved time on a clerical procedure used in her department.

Close on their heels with \$35 checks were: Francis Brazeau of Research and Engineering, and Alfred Folino of Networks. Francis authored an idea which led to the more efficient storage of units and Alfred for an improved technique in assembling networks.

Closing out the award winners with \$25 each were: Donald Tanguay, Brown Street, High Reliability; Stanley Pasierkiak, Shipping; James Higgins, Sandia; and Alfred Lefebvre, Maintenance. Awards of \$15 each went to: Peter Grande, Brown Street Check Inspection; Kenneth Williams, Sandia; and Neville Toye, Ceramics.

## Mathematical Statistics Course Opens For Fourteen Employees



The blackboard in the Marshall Street Conference Room is filled with mathematical hieroglyphics as Professor Kozelka (left) of Williams College, explains a problem to Bernard Friedman of Mathematical Services, and Alphonse Torchia of Research and Engineering. Both are students in the Mathematical Statistics Course.

Each Tuesday evening in the Marshall Street Building 9 Conference Room, thirteen of the Company's engineering and scientific personnel gather for a couple of hours to increase their mathematical skill.

The sessions, which will continue for some sixteen weeks, are part of a course in mathematical statistics recently inaugurated by the Company.

The course is offered to answer the increasing flood of mathematical data connected with the design and development of electronic components and to assist scientific personnel in analyzing this data. It is, further, part of a policy to provide technical knowledge and instruction commensurate with an overall program to supply our customers with quality components and to provide the utmost in reliability.

Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training and Publications, who, in cooperation with the Research and Engineering Department, made nec-

essary arrangements and provided for administrative details has secured the services of Dr. Robert M. Kozelka, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Williams College as instructor.

Dr. Kozelka is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1947 and a Master of Arts Degree in 1948. He continued his formal education at Harvard University where he received his doctorate in 1953. Before joining the Williams faculty in 1957, he had previous teaching experience at Tufts College and the University of Nebraska.

The text, which is supplied by the Company, is "Introduction to Mathematical Statistics" by Paul G. Hall.

Course participants include: George Adams, George Cormier, Edward Coughlin, Stanley Dorst, Bernard Friedman, Harvey Goodell, Ralph Hamman, Francis Lanoue, Daniel Mannheim, Kenneth Meyers, Joseph Morisi, B. B. Paine, David Thompson, and Alphonse Torchia.

## Scholarships

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town.

A **Sprague Electric Engineering Scholarship** is also made available to graduates of local high schools who will be entering an Engineering or Science course of study. It also provides a grant of \$500 per year for four years.

A **Sprague Electric Cooperative Engineering Scholarship** is made available to a graduate who lives within a 25 mile radius of North Adams and who will be entering an institution giving a cooperative course. This grant provides \$500 for one year.

In addition, a **Sprague Electric Nursing Scholarship** is made available to a graduate who lives within 25 miles of North Adams and will be pursuing a nursing career. This grant provides \$400 for a three year period.

A unique feature of the Sprague Scholarship Program is that in addition to the grants extended to students, the Company gives to each college or university a "matching" fund grant in an amount equal to that of the scholarship. These "matching" grants may be used by the institution in any constructive manner it wishes.

## Sprague Products Sales Representatives In Recent Tour of Plant



Tour participants included: Charles Day and Carl Bobenhouse, R. W. Farris Company, Kansas City, Mo.; Walter Clauhs, Trinkle Sales Co., Merchantville, N. J.; L. J. "Buck" Rogers, Crockett-Lund Co., Dallas, Texas; C. N. "Chet" Wells, Crockett-Lund Co.; Archie LoPresto, Sprague Products, North Adams; Robert Warriner, Field Engineering, North Adams; Kenneth Reinhardt, Reinhardt Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; and Frank Patterson and Jack Newcom of the Methods Department who conducted the tour.

## Berkshire Community Symphony Orchestra In May Concert



Music performed by the Berkshire Community Symphony Orchestra will again be heard at Chapin Hall in Williamstown at a concert to be held May 11. A highlight of the concert will be the appearance of Pasquale Cardillo, a North Adams native and clarinetist for the world famous Boston Symphony Orchestra, as soloist. Mr. Cardillo will perform a clarinet concerto by Mozart.

Mr. Irwin Shainman, Professor of Music at Williams College, will conduct the orchestra in this, its first concert since December of last year.

The orchestra, which has been entertaining area classical music enthusiasts for some 15 years, is the result of the merging of the Sprague Electric Orchestra and the Williams College Orchestra of the early 1940's. The group first performed as the Berkshire Community Symphony in

December of 1946 with some seventy-five musicians.

The orchestra's first conductor was Joaquin Nin-Culmell, then Assistant Professor of Music at Williams College who continued as conductor until 1948 when he was replaced by Jay C. Rosenfeld of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Rosenfeld was succeeded in 1950 by Mr. Shainman who has held the conductorship since that time.

Musicians, who serve without pay, come from surrounding cities and towns which include: Adams, Albany, Bennington, Cambridge, Great Barrington, Hoosick Falls, Lenox, North Adams, Pittsfield, Troy and Williamstown.

The orchestra is affiliated with the American Symphony Orchestra League. Its success and continued existence is due in part to the interest of Sprague Electric and the Sprague family.



# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS . . .

## BUSY BEAVER NEWS

### Check Inspection

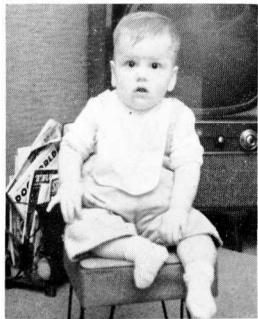
by Carl Mikieszewski

Signs of spring coming "Should I or shouldn't I paper the kitchen?" "Oh! what a hectic week-end, wash-wax-paint." Then there are the boys planning for those fishing trips... Walt Gould, like Jack Benny, had his 39th birthday celebration on February 24th. Walt was helped by his co-workers in celebrating as all hungrily devoured his birthday cake... Alice Senecal is very proud of her new selectman husband, George, as he merged victorious in the recent elections in Clarksburg... We welcome Josephine Magnifico to our little group and say good-bye to Dick Maynard who has left us to work in PTF Misc. C.I.

### Production Planning Office

by Gerry McClelland

Well, much to the dismay of Stan Gawron, spring fever has hit the office at last... Laura O'Dell is already planning her vacation. This year she plans to take the four children along. Good luck, Laura... Virginia Maxymilian looked like a bright spring daffodil in her pretty yellow sweater. Stan is crazy about daffodils... Our Cheery little friend Roma Sawency is looking forward to a trip to the Bronx zoo soon... It's always been her ambition... Al Bergeron seemed pretty pleased with the medal we recently presented to him... Recently yours truly and Peggy the Page gave the office a little serenade. I don't think we will make the top ten this year. The girls in the office just don't seem to appreciate good Irish music... Corky Conroy the optimist of the office is happily planning a Blizzard



A very handsome young man is John Phillip Garrity, 6½ month old grandson of Celia Esposito of Metal Clad Finish, Beaver Street. We'll bet grandma is proud of him.



Showing their prettiest smiles are Diane and Steven Maroni. They are the children of Hugo Maroni of the Electric Shop on Marshall Street. They look so angelic; we wonder if they ever get into mischief!

for some week-end before Spring... The lady from the inner sanctum, Jean Kustra, was in visiting us recently. We invited her to attend one of our Friday night jaunts... We all miss Chuck Mulcahy and the way he brightens up a room. Hope he'll be back with us soon... We hope the voice you hear over the loud speaker won't soon have any of her limbs in splints but Peg with Spring just around the corner is taking up skiing. We think you'll find it a little difficult, Peg, on green grass and daisies.

### Hi-Reliability

by Marion Andrews

Speedy recoveries to Chuck Mulcahy and Jeanette Andrews who were in the hospital recently. Hope they will be back with us real soon... Eddie Konopka was sure a happy Daddy the day his baby daughter was born. Eddie already has two sons and he was hoping for a girl this time. Congratulations to the happy family!... 'Tis rumored Peg Descoteau was star of the Hi-Rel Bowling Team one week. Seems she finally remembered what knee to bend... We are mighty glad to see Florence Carno back to work... Marion Andrews spent a Saturday recently visiting her daughter at Providence Barrington Bible College.

### Metal Clad Assembly

by Lillian Gainer & Ada Harrington

We will start our log reporting by relating to you about our own Barbara Campedelli's vacation to the sunnyside of Florida where she visited with relatives who live in Clearwater and Largo. We are certainly envious!... We wish a very speedy recovery to Chuck Mulcahy and hope to have him back with us real soon... In the recent Blackinton fire, Edie Noel's two daughters and their families were among the fire victims. Our department responded most generously with a collection to the Harwood & Pierce families. Diane Harwood was the former Diane Noel and Lorraine Pierce the former Lorraine Noel... Happy to learn that Bernie O'Neill's little daughter Pamela Lee is much improved... Proud grandmother Alice Roberts has a new grandson, Richard Louis Lavarie, who is now added to the already "apple of her eye" little sister Elizabeth... Rosalie & Orrie Roy are impatiently awaiting their forthcoming trip to Europe via boat. Orrie is planning on a two month's stay, while Rosalie will remain for six months. Most of their time will be spent in Brussels, Belgium with Rosalie's relatives... We understand that Alice Contois recently gave Fred Suthers a delicious piece of cake... Ada Harrington reports that her husband has completely recovered from his recent fall in which he received a bad head injury... If anyone has a litter of puppies to give away contact George Daub, he's pretty ex-

perienced in this field having had to recently dispose of 9 stray puppies anonymously bestowed on him... Helen Baxter is very happy over the fact that her daughter, Mildred Pike, who has been a patient at the North Adams Hospital for the past eleven weeks, will soon be able to come home... Lola Briggs is already all set for the Easter Parade, hope there are no snowflakes that day... Anyone who is on a diet hasn't much chance of cheating when Maria MacDonald is around. Just ask your reporter. What's this about Grace Dupius keeping banking hours one morning?... Florence Germain enjoys her duties as grandmother, especially those of entertaining all her family... Mary Cozzaglio always has a chipper greeting for all each morning. Be with you again next month.

### Small Order Surplus

by Rita Sullivan

Margaret Dempsey is convalescing at home from a bad case of virus. Hope you will be feeling tops again, soon!... Hazel Martel spent the week-end with her daughter and grandchildren in Holyoke recently... Mary Chalifoux's son, Donald, has made her very happy by being on the high school honor roll... Mabel Thatcher is just counting the weeks now in avid anticipation of her European tour... Leo Moreau spent a week's vacation at home "trying to rest"... Good luck to Josephine Magnifico in her new work!... Hope Dick Maynard will enjoy working with us... Anyone in need of vitamins check with Mary Bator. Her brand certainly worked!... Where was Mel Downs recently when everyone thought he was lost? Was it something to do with his car?... The girls keep busy noon hours and the knitting needles and crochet hooks are producing some beautiful rugs and afghans... Anyone having any extra apples, bananas, etc. just keep them for our good natured mail man Roger LeTourneau. He could use the energy.

### Hi-Rel Test & Shipping

by Alice Filp & Evelyn Luczynski

Congratulations to Laurette Krok on the birth of a baby daughter whom she named, Lisa Marie... Alice Filp is back to work after her first airplane flight. She and her mother flew to San Antonio, Texas to attend the wedding of her brother on February 6th.

### Misc. Paper Assem.-No. 2

by Adele Solari

Well it seems like we just get acquainted with the new girls and off they go again. They were: Ruth Arrighini, Dorothy Marlowe, Josephine Dean, Betty Samia, Florence DeMarsico, Lena Deso, Lena Shepherd, Barbara Dami and Mary Maselli. Well maybe they'll be back again soon... Doris Williams has another new dog. Hope you have better luck with this one, Doris.

### Hi-Rel. - Nights

by Veronica Sobon

Thelma Barber has barely finished the excitement from her son's wedding last January and now is planning for her daughter's wedding this May... Pearl Luczynski has left us to await a visit from the stork sometime in April... Pauline Cudak is on the sick list but hope she is checked off soon... Roma Morris is helpfully keeping all her co-workers aware of all of the latest bargains... Helen Krzeminski and Ginger Oleskiewicz are both deeply engrossed in blueprints, dimensions, etc. all pertaining to discussion on their new homes... Spring is just around the corner and so unhappily is spring cleaning.

### Plating

by Joe Pilling

Our department emerged victorious in a bowling match with the Can Shop recently and now have been challenged to a return match... Ness Robert recently grew a little forgetful and forgot to shut off the motor in his car when he came to work. Bet that doesn't happen again, Ness... Watch for Angelo Mazza and his auto—sure sign of Spring!... John Murach threatens to bowl 300 before the season ends... Red Kozlowski is sporting a beard, maybe there's a shortage of razor blades around his area... The boys are learning a few tips in the art of card playing from Paul Martell... Mike Becker reportedly is already practicing in preparation for our coming bowling match.

### Metal Clad Finish

by W. Wandrie, F. Filp

This wintry weather is keeping most of us close to the fireside, but the girls in this department are certainly making the most of it by keeping busy knitting. Annie Davison has a very interesting and useful hobby, knitting on her new automatic knitting machine, the results look very good... Fran Filip is very enthusiastic about her new sewing machine. We expect to be seeing some chic new creations shortly... Fran Roy and Jack McKeon on the recovery road after their recent stay at the North Adams hospital... Agnes Vidal has moved into a new apartment which brings her closer to her grandchildren... June Barnhart became the proud grandmother of a new little granddaughter recently. The proud parents being Sgt. & Mrs. Robert Barbuto of Plattsburg, N. Y.

## UNION STREET Echoes

### Magnetic Finishing

by Helen Burdick

The Marriettes and Nicolettes bowling teams had a dinner recently at Taconic Park Restaurant and a grand time was had by all. It would be nice if we would do it more often... Myrtle Crofts is waiting anxiously and getting more excited all the time at the prospect of seeing her granddaughter and two great grandchildren who will be returning from Germany to the States shortly... Agnes Chesbro also is looking forward to seeing her son and his family who will be visiting her shortly all the way from Kansas... Shirley Burnett is back in the Brisk Berkshires after spending two weeks in Florida on an island near Sarasota. Besides loving every minute of it, she acquired a beautiful tan... Congratulations to Julia Gregalis who has a new grandson, Dana Houghton.

### Magnetic Samples

by Shirley Noring

Mr. & Mrs. John Lilly journeyed to Albany recently to attend the christening of their new grandson, Kenneth Raymond Burgess. The baby's mother is the former Jane Lilly... Archie Munro's intentions were of the best the other day when he offered a ride to Harold Bilger, but when they got out to the car they couldn't get in, Archie had locked the keys inside... Anyone interested in learning the fine art of baking should take lessons from Deil Lilly. She's a real expert... Helen Burdick got a little confused recently. She made a purchase which she placed very carefully in her purse and then carried her change in her hand all the way back to work... We of the Samples have come to the conclusion that Donald Lapine must

have a "hollow leg". He ate four full breakfasts one morning, all in the space of one hour. On the other hand, Pat Duncan is on a strict diet and fading fast... There was a small turmoil at the home of Bill Burdick recently when small son Billy contacted the chicken pox from sister, Linda. He was so provoked he tried to rub them back off on her...

### Magnetic Assembly 523

by Dot DeGraff

"Time waits for no-one" may be an old adage, but ask Adeline Segala to explain it... We'll be missing Edie Scrivens, Florence Giusti, Betty Chevalier, Sophie Bombardier, Gert Noel, Nancy Guerino and Mary McMahon, hoping for your quick return... We welcome Tiny Mancini who from all reports we hear is an ardent basketball player and fan... A good time? Just ask the girls from the Nicolette and Mariette teams who dined, wine and danced at the Taconic Park Restaurant recently... Ida Cim-onetti is counting the days until she returns, she's recuperating from a broken ankle... Now for "mix-up"—our scrambled word game, we have UMBRIA a word used in the Log. Get your Log out folks for it's not as easy as last month's which was—ceramic.



### Sprague Products

by Peggy Brule & Carolyn Latif

Welcome to newcomers: Dorothy Belanger, Rosamond Saunders, Ann St. Cyr, Anita Hopkins, Virginia Spencer and Marcia Lewis... Joy Dempsey has a lucky someone's class ring dangling from a chain... Our sympathies to Dot Stein who had the misfortune to fall recently, injuring her hip. Do hope for a speedy recovery for you Dot... Carole Burdick has a sparkler on her third finger—left hand as has Rose Marie Sacco, Carole's future hails from Webster, Mass., while Rose Marie's husband-to-be is Gordon Brerley presently stationed in Germany... We were pleasantly surprised by a visit from Elaine Daunais recently. She's working at the G.E. in Pittsfield and reports she is very happy with her new job.

### Filters

by Ruth Haskins & Alice Monette

A farewell dinner party in honor of George Paquin was held recently at the Phoenix Hotel. George has left our department to work in Mr. Teeple's office. He was presented with a gift from his former co-workers and Mrs. Paquin received a corsage.



Airman William M. McConnell is the son of Grace McConnell of the F. P. Assembly. He is currently stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.



Arrangements for the successful affair were in the capable hands of Rose Lazarczyk, who did an excellent job... Joe Morin received a gift and a birthday cake to help him celebrate another year... Frances Dami enjoyed her vacation just resting at home... We are happy to have Mary Zoya, Betsy McLain, Viola Delisle and Eleanor Brooks back with us again...

The Mardi Gras at Notre Dame Parish Hall recently was attended by Altie Jillson, Marie Lemoine, Bertha Roy, Florence Saulnier, Pauline Perrault, Joe Morin and his fiancée, Annette, and Alice Monette. It was a most enjoyable evening, spoiled only a little by the blizzard we had to drive home in, but with such an accomplished chauffeur as Altie we had nothing to worry about... A bus excursion to Boston to view the Ice Follies took place recently and among the passengers were: Bertha Roy, Pauline Perrault, Ruth Haskins and Gert Pedercini. They reported the "Follies get prettier every year"... John Davis spent his two week vacation at home where he found plenty to keep him busy.

### Tantalum

by Dolores Shakar

We are glad to see Spring approaching and are looking forward to nice warm sunny days... Belle Mahar has left us to await a visit from the stork. We tendered a little noon-time party for her before she left and the newcomer will have many nice new outfits... Phyllis Schmidt is really hitting those pins! She managed to hit over 300 in three consecutive weeks. I'm still trying for 290! What's your secret, Phyllis?... Priscilla Berti had a busy time playing nurse to her husband and daughter both of whom recently had the chickenpox... Betty Johnson recently had sudden and very unexpected contact with the hard floor one day. Seems she just missed her chair. If I had suspected Betty, I would have had a pillow handy... Wonder why Pearl Dubreuil doesn't speak Polish, instead of the Italian that she now tries to speak?... Mary Girard has had a streak of luck at winning lately, having so far won a turkey and a cannister set... Be back in April.

### Dry Rolling & Western Elec.

by Nancy Harvey

Flash 1—The case of the missing umbrella! It was a rainy day, and there were many umbrellas to be found around the room. Joe Allard picked up one belonging to Helen O'Neill and walked casually down the aisle with it. That started the amazing chain of events! Zita Pedrin, always interested in what is going on around her, asked Joe what he was doing with the umbrella. Quick thinking Joe replied, "I'm raffling it off for a friend of mine, would you like to take a chance on it?" Upon finding that the chances were only a nickel, Zita decided to be a real dare-devil and take one. She

wrote her name on a piece of paper, and it was placed in an empty box. Joe then took the box over to Helen O'Neill so that she could pull the winning ticket. Imagine the delight of Zita when she learned that she was the winner. A short time later, Zita found out what had actually happened, and so she decided to hide the umbrella on Joe. She took it to Mary Scott's machine and cautiously covered it from prying eyes. Little did Zita know that calculating Anna Toniatti was watching this procedure, and the little wheels were turning in her mind. At the first opportunity Anna transferred the umbrella very cautiously to Walt O'Neill's machine. In the meantime, both Joe and Zita were desperately trying to find out where the umbrella had gone but to no avail. Walt went along with the whole thing, and never disclosed the fact that he had it. Then the rains came! And it was time to go home. Helen, Zita and Joe were really in a muddle about this time, but there was nothing to do about it. Everyone got their coats and umbrellas and punched out, and everyone was thinking of Helen and how wet she was going to get. What they didn't see was cagey Walt handing Helen the umbrella before the door opened on the falling rain. And so—"all's well that ends well"... Flash 2—It's Spring! We can predict for sure that Spring is here. How do we know? Because Fernand Contois got the urge to wash windows a few weeks ago, and he really shined them up. Now we can look out and be certain whether it's rain or snow. Sure hope we'll see the sun shining before too long... Flash 3—Welcome! Marilyn Clark, Helen Cole, and Fernand Contois... Flash 4—Best Wishes: For a speedy recovery to Charlie Dean and Phyllis Toniatti. Flash 5: There's never a dull moment in Cecile Tatros's life. Recently her two youngsters Dave and Mike decided to experiment with a little deodorant spraying on their hair. Needless to say they wound up with a shampoo and a scolding... Question Corner: Did you hear the spine-tling shriek by Zita Pedrin the other day? The cause: a harmless make-believe spider... Helen Cole bought a pound of nuts the other day. She claimed it was for company. We thought maybe she was entertaining squirrels these days... We're wondering how Marion Caron could make two appointments for the same day at the same time with two different people and keep them both. She claims she did it—but how???

### Employe & Community Relations

by Mory

What would happen if:  
Lidija—missed night school?  
Anita—forgot a grease job on her new Ford?  
George—Couldn't use his season ticket to Dutch Hill?  
Courtney—Didn't get excited?  
Marion—Didn't instruct the knitters?  
Arlene—Couldn't have her vacation?  
Mary—Played her ace at the wrong time?  
Kay—dropped a stitch?  
Lee—forgot to feed her kittens?  
Mon—didn't cheer for Adams & the Red Sox?  
Fred—Lost his appetite?  
Sandy—didn't live near the airport?  
Al—didn't give out with his daily effervescent laugh?  
Ed—forgot his comb?  
Sam—turned in his "Model T"?  
Bill—couldn't find the Springfield Union?  
Tank—didn't have a joke to tell?  
Rick—was short?  
John—lost his good nature and smile?  
RC Jr.—The weather machine broke down!

### Solid Tantalum

by Bernie Tatros & Gladys Moderski  
Success goes to co-reporter Bernie

Tatro on assumption of his new duties in the Advertising Department. We shall miss him... Welcome to our happy group Mary Volpi, Robert Chesbro and Charles Porter... We celebrated Valentine's Day on February 10th with a luncheon and grab-bag... Pearl Berti is sporting a most becoming new hair-do... Ask Helen LeSage about the newest vacuum cleaner she was recently demonstrating... We think Mary Volpi has a bit of the "Luck of the Irish" with her... Elaine Danforth's mood of depression lately 'tis rumored can be attributed to her car... Is that the Las Vegas look we detect in the eyes of Gerry LaFramboise these days?... Dave Andras and his vehicle, because of a late start, had a little accident or should we say run-in with a stone wall recently all the more reason to buy that new car.

### Sprague International

by Barbara Pathloff

S—is for Suzette Lemieux who took a skiing trip to Canada  
P—is for the People who longed to go with her.  
R—is for the rush that has been going on around here.  
A—is for the aggravation it has caused everyone.  
G—is for the Gardzina's who live on an icy hill.  
U—is for the uselessness of trying to get up there.  
E—is for Emily Filiault's good fortune.  
I—is for the invigorating Bertha Richards.  
N—is for Nancy Kelly who has returned from Florida  
T—is for Thoughtful Beverly Sherman.  
E—is for the Effort Marilyn Lo Presto has been using lately  
R—is for the Rush she has been in.  
N—is for the Neatness of Sandy Segala.  
A—is for Mr. Adams who is now in sunny California  
T—is for the tree that fell on Myrna Harvey's husband  
I—is for the International office.  
O—is for the Obliging Shirley Roberts.  
N—is for the Natty hat of George Ferran.  
A—is for the Aroma of Kenny Haskins pipe.  
L—is for yours truly the Loquacious substitute for Suzette Lemieux.  
Put them all together they spell Sprague International and this is our news for the month.

### Check Inspection

by Betty Jangrow

Lil and Pete Grande are very proud of granddaughters Kim, 3 years and Lynn six months... Jane Gross and her family recently attended the flower show in Springfield. Jane has been attending these flower shows since their origin in this vicinity. As usual she was very impressed with the show and especially liked the Rural Scene which featured a white mail box with a flower arrangement on either side... Nemrod Nowell and his wife and Jane Gross and her Mr. attended the Alerts Ball in Adams recently and from all the reports the ladies looked very lovely and a good time was had by all... Happy Birthday to Sandra Jean Modena who will be one year old on April 17th.

### Formation

by Harry Trounbley

Congratulations are extended to George Senecal on being elected as Selectman in the town of Clarksburg... Charlie Jordan showed your reporter a dollar bill with the usual picture of George Washington on it, but Charlie seemed to think "he looked awfully lonesome" and disclosed plans he had for him to join



Ann Marie Gliwski is celebrating her fifth birthday and she seems real happy with her birthday present. She is the daughter of Claire of Dry Rolling and Walter of Clorinol.

his friends in a nearby till... Bish Goyette wasn't surprised at George Senecal's success in the recent election as Jim Shea and Len Bourrie were rooting for him all the way... Adam Pevoski, Pat Patenaude, and Harry Arbour are really talking up the Red Sox again this year.

### F. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

Vi Shea presented herself with a birthday present—a new blue Rambler!... Glad to welcome Joe Magin back after his recent illness... Hazel Russell believes that "it is a small world". While shopping in Manchester, N. H. recently she met our former superintendent, John Puppulo who is now with Sprague Electric in Concord, N. H... Yours truly had the pleasure of being a guest at a shower recently hosted by Helen Drobiak of the DX line for her future daughter-in-law, Barbara St. Germaine. The wedding is to take place after Easter... Gerry Cole's daughter, Bonnie recently celebrated her 5th birthday... Dot Lewis and Toni Connell attended the Flower Show in Springfield recently... We are sorry to see Mae Riordan leave us, but she has returned to her former department.

### F. P. Ovens and Cover Assembly

by Marguerite Daub and Edith Fields

Mary Roberts spent her vacation in Sunny Florida, far away from icy roads, etc. We sure envied her!... Welcome to two newcomers: Marion Gleba and Betty Skorupski... We miss Doris Harris who is spending some time at home nursing her husband back to health after a long stay in the hospital... Leona Haddad spent some time in the hospital recently, but is back on recovery road.

### Coil Winding Dept. & Filter Development

by Lucy Kenney

On taking inventory we learned we have four red-heads in the Filter De-



Jo Ann Celentano, A Drury Senior, will enter the Burbank School of Nursing in September. She is the daughter of Josephine Celentano of Prokar Solder, Brown Street.



A very nice foursome are Sandra and Garry, (front row) and Norma and Michael (back row). They are the children of Norman Bourdon of Industrial Oil Impregnation at Brown Street.

partment; namely: Margaret Girone, Betty Fleury, Etta Senecal and Veto Navarro... Warren Randall dabbles in oil paintings. May we suggest you paint Tony Falco?... The late shows are a "thing of the past" for Millie Blanchard seeing she is a working girl again... Betty Battersby is back to work and reports her husband is "doing fine"... George Lord and Fran Dargie staged a contest to see who could eat the most sardines and they left Ernie St. Cyr holding the can... Bob Stanton is sporting an orange shirt these days, better make a switch before St. Paty's Day, Bob... Bob Hamilton spent his vacation at home where he was kept pretty busy with household tasks as his wife was in the hospital, but he reports all is back to "normal" now... Jeannette Cady & Mary Burzimat are preparing for Spring, they both have nifty new "hair-do's"... Harry Duffy seems to like New York City for his week-ends... Frances Biondo boasts she is a grandmother again, and a very happy one.

### Retail Sales

by Barbara King

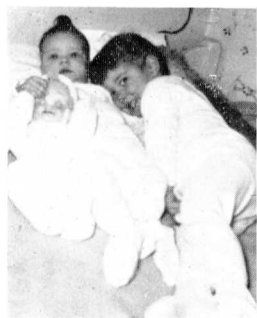
Welcome to: Lorraine Van Steem-



Bonnie Jean Cole is quite the little lady as she is all dressed up to celebrate her fifth birthday. She is the daughter of Gerry Cole of the F. P. Department on Marshall St.



Another Drury student is Connie Blanchard, 16, daughter of Millie Blanchard of Filter Coil Winding at Marshall St. She looks "pretty as a picture" in her party dress.



"We really aren't sleepy," say Lynn and Kim (l to r) Golonka. They are the grandchildren of Lil Grande of Check Inspection, Marshall Street and Pete Grande, Check Inspection, Brown Street.



Steven Michael Brown, 2 yrs. old, is the son of Eileen Brown of Production Engineering, Brown Street and great grandson of Alma Fox of the Prokar Department on Brown Street.



Kevin Vidal, 6 months, and "Andy" Vidal, 2½ years, are the grandchildren of Agnes Vidal of the Metal Clad Department at Beaver Street. From the look in their eyes we would say that they both are lively youngsters and have a perfectly wonderful time together.



Lovell, Mass. recently. Besides the glory of winning the tournament, he became the proud Daddy of a baby girl a few days later, making Alice a grandmother for the fourth time. Congratulations to both of you! Our department's Blood Donor's "Honor List": Gert Volpi, Olivia Richards, Larry Labomabrd, James Dolan, Louis Daub, Eugene Goodrich, Jr., John Bradley and Harry Beverly. We leave you with the following thoughts: "Respect is one thing that can neither be inherited nor borrowed it must be earned." "Smiles and frowns may appear to be little things, but they are a powerful force for good or evil."

#### Production Engineering

by Helen Tatro & Eileen Brown

The headlines for this month are: Talent Among our Midst: Mary Ellen Faustini, daughter of Phyllis of our Brown St. office, rendered a piano solo recently at a talent show held at Johnson School. She also was a model in a spring fashion show sponsored by the school... Barb Takes Vacation: Barbara Herzog chose the last two weeks of February for her vacation from all rumors, however, it was too pleasant a one... Stork Still Our Friend: Bert Quirk, a former co-worker, is now the proud mother of a daughter born February 25th. A proud Daddy is John Boulger, he has a new son born February 23rd... Former Co-Workers Pay Us a Visit: Lois Chenail, now a resident of Worcester, paid us a visit recently. Betty Brike also dropped in to say, "Hello" ... How many of you are still giving up the things that you gave up at the beginning of Lent?

#### Lab Electronic Test Equip.

by Betsy Bramble

Welcome to our department Oscar Hawley who comes from Rockport, Massachusetts. We all hope you will enjoy working with us.

#### Shipping Department

by Cecil Trudeau

On February 7th, we all attended the wedding of Margaret Jobin and

Adrian Darling at St. Anthony's Church, and the reception at the Eagles Hall. Everyone had a wonderful time... Congratulations to Stanley Pasierbiak who was given a cash award for a suggestion.



#### Sample and Small Order

by Celeste Tallario

Everyone is looking forward to Spring and warm Sunny weather... Gone will be the car woes of Al Folino and Frank Goloski when the warm weather arrives... Madge Taft recently sang over station WMB and sounded mighty nice... It's hard to watch those calories with Albina Burdick passing around Divinity fudge and Alice Beer offering those tempting cookies... That bite from the peanut bar was quite costly Annette Hinkle. Anyway it took your mind off the dryer for awhile... We would have enjoyed seeing the expression on Mary Critelli's face when she discovered her hard boiled eggs frozen in the car... Glad to see Clem Mossolani back again.

#### KVA Stockroom

by Frank Santelli

All the K.V.A. boys have given up smoking for Lent. Wonder who'll be the first to lose the bet?... Frank Kolis got a mess of Wall-eyes at Lake Champlain. Lucky fellow!... We've got a new kitten with peculiar habits! He brings in his friends (mice) and frightens all but me, I've got a broom for protection!... John Shaker will be glad to see Spring—no more snow to shovel... Looks like Bill Passotti and Russ Yarter might go into business recording "cowboy" songs... Hear there's a new material on the market called "Satellite cloth". It's made for people who think they are out of this world.

#### Industrial Oils Cover Assembly

by Isabel Witherane

Welcome back to Millie Garner, Susan Landy and Betty Nichols... Kate Fields is no longer a patient at the hospital and we hope she will be rejoining us at work soon... Isabel's nephew paid us a visit recently looking mighty snappy in his uniform. Hope he enjoyed his leave... We are all looking forward to an early spring and nice long auto rides through the country.

#### Clorinol Rolling & Assembly

by Alice Dupuis & Frances Guyette

It seems as though we just say goodbye to someone when it's time to say hello again. Last month we said goodbye to Daisy Major and wished her good luck on her new job, well we

would like to welcome her back again and also say a great big hello and a hearty welcome to all the new people we have and hope they will be with us for awhile and enjoy working with us... Now off the sick list and back with us are Connie Davis and Florence Trembley... We hear Frances Guyette and her hubby wake up in the wee hours of the night to tend to their new puppy... We hear that James Brown, husband of Joan Brown, is going to be a new member of the North Adams Fire Department.

#### Sandia Coolers

by Evelyn Jones

Hello from Cripple Creek. It seems as though we're having a streak of bad luck. Lydia Spooner got bit by the bug. She is back again for another try. Esther Poplaski and Rachel Champney took a tour of the Pittsfield hospitals. Vi McClelland had the hospital in a whirl with her "brogue". We've missed her in our "powder room" conversations... Rita Charron and Mary Satko seem to be having difficulty breaking in their new shoes. Hope they overcome this trouble before Easter... Bea Marsh already has her eyes on an Easter Bonnet... Olympia Gajda has a new granddaughter. We know a nice secret about Rita Zoito. Everybody all set for a nice party?... A few of the girls were entertained by Vicki Bissailion recently. She makes real "yummy" spaghetti... Dot Baker has been poring over seed catalogs recently. Must be Spring is just around the corner. Happy Easter & egg rolling!

#### Industrial Oils Rolling

by Emina Sweeney

Laura Lanoue and her sister took an auto trip to Mt. Vernon and enjoyed the historical sights... Anna Sacco is now the proud mother of five instead of four offspring... Rose Cardinal has our vote for being able to produce some mighty nifty cakes... No matter how much he eats Francis Delisle is the envy of us all as he always manages to keep his slim figure. What's your secret, Francis?... What's this we hear about Helen Falco walking backwards recently?... Ask Liz Slattery about her recent experience with what she thought was a hard boiled egg... Millie Kearns recently had the misfortune to fall on the ice and fracture her wrist but is now recuperating nicely.

#### Baby Talk...

Feb. 11, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vitro, daughter

Feb. 14, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boillat, Son

Feb. 18, Mr. & Mrs. James Randall, Daughter

Feb. 22, Mr. & Mrs. Olympio DePaoli, Daughter

Feb. 23, Mr. & Mrs. John Boulger, Son

Feb. 25, Mr. & Mrs. John Quirk, Daughter



Our demure little lady is Susan Couture, 2 year old daughter of Ronald Couture of the Etch House at Marshall Street.



A sweet little girl is Debra Poirot, 3 months, daughter of Louis Poirot of Small Orders, Marshall Street.

#### Filter & Small Orders

by Julia Desrosiers

The knitting products that the girls have been working on are really shaping up!!... Harriet Sherman entertained her daughter, son-in-law and grandson one week-end recently and also welcomes son "Biff" nearly every week-end. He's presently in the U.S. Navy... It's nice to see pictures of our co-workers families. Danny Maloney recently brought in some snapshots of his kin.

#### Misc. Dry Test & Ship. Western Electric

by Ella Genesi & Emily Wlodyka

A cordial welcome is extended to Eugene Goodrich and Francis Cancro, both are newcomers to our department. Hope you enjoy working with us!... Welcome back to Mary Ziaja and George Lesage... Walter "Digger" O'Dell went and done it!! Yes, he got married. The happy date being February 19th. The next day the men all received cigars from the beaming bridegroom. Sincere wishes for much happiness to Walter in his new married life... Alice Menard's son, Henry was the winner of the "Golden Gloves" tournament held in

#### General Accounting

by Jan & Sid

Welcome to Peggy Lindner who is replacing Bev Williams on the mail desk. Bev has assumed new duties as assistant librarian and was presented by her co-workers with a three piece place setting of crystal. We'll miss Bev and her "hunger tantrums"... Nan Price was pleasantly surprised recently when her boyfriend Carl met her after work one day. She hadn't seen him since Christmas... Pat Bourdon spent her two weeks in Sunny Florida where she had a wonderful time... Eileen Zavattaro's husband was a member of the Boston Shamrocks when they played against the Harlem Magicians recently at a benefit game in Adams... Joan & Vern Durocher are the proud owners of a new home in Stamford, Vermont... What's this? 'tis rumored Ann Archambault goes swimming outdoors in the middle of winter!... See you next month.

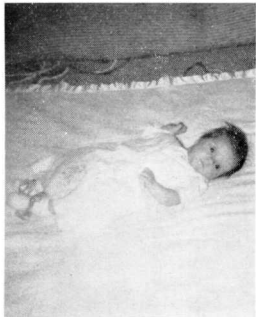
#### Maintenance

by Dorothy Buzzell

Welcome to Melvin Beaudin... Proud owners of new station wagons are: Earl Sherman and George Forgea. Looks like the boys are planning camping trips on their vacations... Emile Jobin enjoyed a well-earned vacation... Speedy recovery to Jimmy Cuzzaglio... We all miss our retired supervisor Paul Schwarzer.



This is Lee Albert Beverly at the age of one-half hour. He is the son of Rachel and Merritt Beverly who formerly worked here and the grandson of Bernice Beverly of Research and Engineering.



Another new arrival is Diana Bourdon, daughter of Norman Bourdon of Industrial Oil Impregnations at Brown Street. She's quite serious about it all at the moment.



Brian, Debbie and Cheryl are the grandchildren of Edith Jones of Hi-Reliability on Beaver Street. Seated on the couch is Edith's daughter, Betty.



Daughters of Angie Downs, of Hi-Reliability Beaver Street, and Melwood, of Small Order Surplus are (l to r) Juanita, Diana and Frances. They are with their grandfather Julian Downs.

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## FOR SALE

PROPLANE SPEAKER SYSTEM—mahogany enclosure. Call Wmstn. 633M after 6 pm on weeknights.

KITCHEN STOVE—coal and gas (bottle). \$15. Two iron beds complete—\$10 each. 1 wooden bed complete—\$14. Call MO 3-9461.

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GLADIOLUS BULBS—large varieties—mixed colors. \$.60 per dozen. Call Wmstn. 545 M

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30" HOTPOINT ELECTRIC RANGE—\$75; Two 49" cabinet double bowl sinks and one 30 gal. glass lined tank. Call MO 3-8677.

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GIRL'S DRESSES size 5, 6, 7; girl's winter coat—size 5. Two first communion dresses—size 6 & 7. Also boy's baseball shoes—size 6D. Boy's sports jackets—size 32. Best offer accepted. Call MO 3-7951 mornings.

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ESTEY BABY GRAND PIANO—Tiny 4-foot size, Modern Plexitone finish, \$250. Call Wmstn. 287-R anytime.

RANCH TYPE HOUSE—Jamieson Heights, Williamstown. Secluded country atmosphere within walking distance of Spring Street. Almost one acre of land with plenty of old shade. Seven rooms, cabinet kitchen with counter-top range and eye-level oven, living room with raised-hearth fireplace. Call Wmstn. 287-R anytime.

## FOR RENT

SUMMER COTTAGES at Eastham on Cape Cod. Located on beach. All utilities provided. Call Wmstn. 904 or MO 3-6887 after 6 pm.

## WANTED

DINING ROOM SET—in good condition and reasonably priced. Call MO 2-2875.

4 OR 5 ROOM APARTMENT—steam heated and not too far from center of city. Two adults. Call MO 2-2637 or 3-7273 after 4 pm.

WOODEN BEDS with mattress and spring. Also tables and chairs. Call Wmstn. 633 M after 6 pm on week nights.

LET ME CLEAN YOUR CELLARS AND ATTICS of used furniture, glassware etc. Top prices paid. Call MO 3-9461.

6 ROOM APARTMENT IN NORTH ADAMS OR CLARKSBURG—Call MO 3-8162 anytime.

STANDARD SIZE POOL TABLE in good condition. Call MO 3-7698 or Adams 1222 W

CEDAR LINED OR STEEL WARDROBE in good condition. Call MO 3-6241.

5-6 ROOM APARTMENT—heated or unheated. Call MO 3-7173 after 5 pm.

## RIDERS WANTED

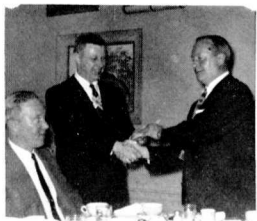
FROM ADAMS TO THE MARSHALL STREET PLANT—7-3:45 shift. Call Adams 792 M.

## Going My Way

Barbara Matuszak & John Wajda  
Carol Brown & George Senecal  
Nancy Spohn & John Schimmel  
Melissa Hodgdon & Andrew Darling

## Bennington By-Lines

by Jean Blanchard & Henry Mallory



On February 8th a farewell party was held for Sterling Wilson at the Georgian Room of the Paradise Restaurant. Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Kit Carson of the Time Study Department in North Adams. Among the guests were William Pierce, Francis Czerwinski and Henry Puppulo. Sterling was presented a gift and wished success in his new position at the North Adams Plant.

Three cheers for Henry Mallory who won the primary election for Village Trustee Ward 5. Henry is now entitled to be candidate for this position on election day, March 17, 1959.

## ANNIVERSARIES for APRIL

- 3. Mr. & Mrs. William Morehouse, 11th
- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Roy Caron, 18th
- 6. Mr. & Mrs. James Connell, 13th
- 7. Mr. & Mrs. John Guerino, 3rd
- 8. Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pelletier, 19th
- 10. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Pelletier, 15th
- 15. Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bancroft, 19th
- 18. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Michaels, 26th
- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zavattaro, 1st
- 19. Mr. & Mrs. John Garner, 5th
- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Ormal Pierce, 2nd
- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Scott, 18th
- 21. Mr. & Mrs. Harold Norcross, 14th
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Archie LoPresto, 13th
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. John O'Connell, 24th
- 23. Mr. & Mrs. Horace Greenlaw, 4th
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Gliwski
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Clarence DeGrenier, 5th
- 25. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Habel
- 25. Mr. & Mrs. Leo Andrews, 25th
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Robert, 2nd
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. Omer Richard, 3rd
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. John Murach, 3rd
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. John Filip, 9th
- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Aldor Richer, 17th

## "I Do" Notes

- Feb. 7, Margaret Jobin & Adrian Darling
- Feb. 7, Eva Carter & Albert Vareschi
- Feb. 20, Patricia Vinclette & Clayton Tatro
- Feb. 20, Geraldine Farr & Walter Odell

## ★ ★ ★ APRIL BIRTHDAYS ★ ★ ★

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Robert Delise         | 10 Sally Arabia           | 22 Elizabeth Jones    |
| 2 Antoinette Bombardier | 11 Francis Clark          | 23 Anna Toniatti      |
| 2 William Matthews      | 11 Claire Cantoni         | 23 Joseph Pello       |
| 2 Henrietta Langlois    | 12 Maria MacDonald        | 23 Dot Boutwell       |
| 3 Violet Shea           | 13 Mary Cooney            | 23 Jane Pollock       |
| 3 Dorothy Daunais       | 13 Alice Soldati          | 24 Bill Neumann       |
| 3 Alethea Bell Dow      | 13 Charles Wilson         | 24 Catherine Coody    |
| 4 Marge Barry           | 14 Edward Catotti         | 25 Fred Crosier       |
| 4 Dorothy Gotzens       | 14 Ellen McCarthy         | 25 Milton Hattat      |
| 4 Ora Levesque          | 14 Lola Briggs            | 26 Hazel Goddard      |
| 4 Ethel Sakowski        | 14 Pearl Walker           | 26 Ronald Durant      |
| 5 Florence Szymanski    | 16 Albert Dean            | 26 Antoinette Connell |
| 6 Alice Badorini        | 16 Omer Richard           | 27 Sam Unsworth       |
| 8 Helen O'Neill         | 17 Olivia Pelletier       | 28 Allyn Bascom       |
| 8 Raymond Dickinson     | 18 Catherine Courtemanche | 29 Harold Norcross    |
| 8 William Falcon        | 18 Donald Bourdon         | 29 Delia Lilly        |
| 9 Dorsey King           | 18 Catherine Letalini     | 29 George Bateman     |
| 10 Anna Malloy          | 18 Priscilla Gaspari      | 29 Florence Gosselin  |
| 10 Lorraine Girard      | 19 Frances Siciliano      | 30 Mike Morin         |
| 10 Gertrude Noel        | 22 Rita Brooks            |                       |

## Apprentice Graduates

Continued from page 2

These included: Lewis Willbrant, Machine Shop Superintendent; John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel; Raymond Bass, President of the Schyler Lodge No. 1794 International Association of Machinists; John Gifford and Walter Baumert, also representing the IAM.

Remarks were also heard from Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Director of Employee & Community Relations; John Orman, Manager of Engineering Services; Walter Schroeder, Supervisory Engineer; George Hall and William Brown, Machine Shop Foremen; George Senecal, Formation Department Foreman; and John H. Winant, Assistant Director of Employee & Community Relations.

## The Concord Corner

BY

DORIS SHAW  
LYNN CARANGIO

BLANCHE PRESCOTT  
LILY WOLFENDEN

### Around the Plant

A stork shower was held for Barbara Lord on January 9. She received many beautiful gifts. She is now the proud mother of a girl born February 11th. She's our first baby on the second shift... Yvonne Guimond also received many pretty and useful gifts including a bathinette from the second shift for her future boy (?) she hopes!... Miss Patricia Flynn, daughter of Mrs. Betty McGowan was judged Homemaker of Tomorrow at Northwood Academy in a contest sponsored by General Mills. She will travel to New York for the final judging by General Mills. Our second shift, Transistors, is growing very fast. Every day or so we see a new face.

Just want to say welcome, gals, hope you will like it here... Bob Dandy was a visitor in Boston on March 1st and enjoyed the Ice Follies. Elsie Coapland was also a recent visitor to



Maureen Prescott was guest of honor at a party held at the home of Bev Quimby. She has left us to join her husband in Hawaii.



Paul Dlubac and Doris Laferty are seen leaving St. Jean-Baptist Church in Suncook after their marriage on February 17th.

Holbrook and Dorothy Lepine... Boston and she and her family report that the Follies were better than ever this year... Margaret Fanny had a "surprise visitor" one night upon her return from bowling. Funny thing, she wasn't at all sorry when the "visitor" left... We sometimes wonder if Shirley joins us every Monday for bowling or pizza. Which is it, dear? Why doesn't someone buy Jim Angwin an extra storage tank for his gasoline?... Has anyone owned up to the "Ladies grey wool sock" yet, Dave?... In our Women's Bowling League the "Queenpins" are still rolling along in first place. How do you do it, gals? Monday night, March 2, Laura Palmer won the high triple from the girls and fellows of Tantalum in an even 300, and Phyllis May-

se (see picture)... What happened to Pete's head? He said he fell down and with 107. At last the "luck" of the "Lucky Stiffs" has run out and the "Goofers" have moved into first place hospital he wanted to meet... Rita in the Men's Bowling League. High has been changing the color and style of her hair all winter to get the best combination for the spring rush and a high triple with 326. Congratulations to Bob Hurst and his wife on the birth of a daughter born on March 2nd... We also have a new plant home from the hospital. He is the son far between, Verna... Hope you enjoyed being with us "Toni" Distasio, Klay Kendall, Mary Provencer and Christina Ford, who have joined our Transistor Testing Department—also power to ya!... Walter Cleary has Ken Waterman in Quality Control and Bonnie Story and Ray Collette in the office... The weekend of Feb. 14th Mary Bushey motored to Rocky Hill, Connecticut to visit with Lambert on the day shift. But these relatives; no car trouble for a change! Welcome to the Tantalum Department Adeline Chronaki, Roberta Chase, Rita Bishop, Annamaria Weinelt, Ella Clark, Gladys Burt, Madeline Audette, Marcelle Morgan, Gloria Smith, Gladys Phelps; also on his recent marriage to Doris Laferty at the St. Jean-Baptist Church

ception followed at the Suncook House. (see picture)... Barb is perculating in her new job. About time to let someone take over the mike, huh, Barb?

### Births

- Feb. 7, Mr. & Mrs. John Hartigan, Daughter
- Feb. 16, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Twombly, Daughter
- March 2, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hurst, Daughter
- March 2, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Symonds, Son

### Weddings

- Feb. 17, Doris Laferty and Paul Dlubac
- March 21, Lois Charlton Flanders and George Chase

### Anniversaries

- Feb. 3, Richard and Mary Skivington, 14th
- March 22, Rosaire and Priscilla Pelletier, 5th
- March 27, Gordon & Mary Mackenzie, 5th

### Birthdays for April

- April 2 Paul Dlubac
- 5 Doris Miner
- 5 Simone Richard
- 8 Doris Shaw
- 9 Herman Schneider
- 10 Irene Spaulding
- 10 Phyllis Maynard
- 16 Walter Buswell
- 16 Doneta Clark
- 17 Barbara Townsend
- 17 Margaret Carr
- 19 Sybil Meyer
- 20 Joan Perriello
- 20 Chahrene Ravidou
- 21 Ralph Spencer
- 22 Rena Preve
- 25 June Ash
- 27 Rita Bishop
- 29 Beverly Ham
- 29 Bertha Young
- 30 Jeanne Stow



Sports —

- BASKETBALL
- BASEBALL



Berkshire County Champs. Front row—Chenail, Powers, McBride, Captain Zoltek, Glazbrook, Armata, Stodja. Second row—Rondeau, Adamczyk, Mr. John Grosz, principal of Adams High; Coach Zabek; Manager Goodermote, Milenski, Misiuk. Seated in front is mascot, Verne Zabek.



Western Massachusetts Small School Champs. Front row—Chalifoux, Marlow, Captain Dyson, Carrier, Scully; Second row—Farmer, Walsh, Pietras, Wasiliwski. Third row—Coach Matrango, Manager Fitzgerald and Rev. Thomas Sampson, Director of Athletics.

Ralph Boisjolie Heads '59 Babe Ruth League



The happy shouts, rhubarbs and cheers of boys playing baseball will fill the environs of Noel Field again this year, as the North Adams Babe Ruth League will get underway on May 17th. At the time of this writing, five teams will hit the field to compete in a 45 game schedule. An additional sponsor is being sought to round out a schedule for 6 teams to compete for 1st and 2nd half titles from which the league champs will be determined in a play-off. If your organization is interested, contact Ralph Boisjolie, Babe Ruth League President, without delay. Sponsors and players will be accepted from both Clarksburg and Florida this year, in addition to North Adams.

Sponsors signed up, to date, include: Sprague Management Club, North Adams Transcript, Whitney's Drugs, Hayden Oil and the VFW.

Area Babe Ruth fans will also be pleased to learn that this year they may purchase season tickets for the nominal sum of one dollar. The ticket will allow you admission to all scheduled games and will eliminate bleacher solicitations and individual game admission charges.

If the present enthusiasm and co-operation of the organization continues, the League appears destined for a very successful year. To support Ralph Boisjolie as President, an outstanding slate of officers has been elected which includes: Ted Bridges as Vice President and Equipment Supervisor, Lloyd Keating as Secretary and Publicity Director and Francis Tassone as Treasurer.

Other officers include: Jim Preite, Scheduling and Umpire in Chief; Albert Dubie, Player Agent; and Edward Noel, Head Scorekeeper.

More help is needed, and if you are interested in contributing a small portion of your time and services, you are asked to contact any one of these individuals.

Answers to Picture Quiz

- 1—b
- 3—d
- 5—b
- 2—c
- 4—b
- 6—a



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By

LOU ZITER

Basketball

The Northern Berkshire League ended with Adams dethroning Pittsfield High as champions. Adams ended league play with a brilliant 11-1 record while runnerup Pittsfield, which was the only NBL team to defeat Adams, wound up with a proud 10-2 record. Adams went on to defeat Lee, the Southern Berkshire champions in two straight games to take county laurels.

Both Adams and Pittsfield were invited to the Annual Western Mass. schoolboy tournament with the eventual winner competing for the New England title.

Pittsfield lost its opening game to a favored St. Johns Quintet, the defending champion from Worcester, by a score of 63-59. Adams easily defeated a cold Greenfield team in their opening game by a 57-42 score and won the right to enter the semi-finals. Here Adams went down to defeat in one of the most thrilling basketball games in years by the score of 55-54.

Top offensive team in the NBL was Pittsfield who scored a total of 760 points. Defensively, Adams was the best with a only 483 points being scored against them.

Captain Fred Cox of Pittsfield took individual scoring honors with 230 points while co-Captain Al Davine of Drury was runner-up with 195 points to his credit.

Your reporter, at this time, picks his NBL All-Star Team which is a difficult task, for many players of equal caliber have played this past season. However, after carefully and cautiously checking the list, this is what I consider to be about the best in the NBL. Fred Cox of Pittsfield and Johnny Armato of Adams at the forward spots, Joe Girardi of Drury at center, and Al Davine of Drury and Billy Dyson of St. Joe (NA) at the guards. Frankie Zalteck of Adams is the sixth man named to this mythical team. Honorary coach for this team goes to Chester Zabek of the able Adams High mentor.

Local St. Joseph has won the small school tournament championship at Amherst. The Gails, coached by Frank Matrango, who has done a commendable job at St. Joe the past five years, easily defeated Easthampton by the score of 50-23 in the opener. Capt. Bill Dyson scored as many points as the entire Easthampton team did.

In the semi-finals, a basket by Mike Scully, set up perfectly by Capt. Bill Dyson in the last ten seconds, resulted in the winning of an uphill battle from Palmer and the right to enter the finals opposing Longmeadow High. Although Longmeadow has superior height advantages, the Gails controlled the backboards and thus went on to win convincingly 45-35.

NBL Standing (final)		
TEAM	WON	LOST
Adams*	11	1
Pittsfield	10	2
St. Joseph (P)	8	4
St. Joseph (NA)	6	6
Drury	4	8
Williamstown	2	10
Dalton	1	11

\*champion

WILLIAMS

The Williams swimming team, directed by Coach Bob Muic, has won the "Little Three" title for the eighteenth straight year and once again has won the New England Inter-collegiate swimming title.

NASTC

North Adams State Teachers College ended with an overall 11-6 record. The local professors ended in fifth place in a field of seventeen teams in the New England Teachers College Athletic Conference with a 9-4 record.

Area Extends Best Wishes To Dale Long For '59 Season

Northern Berkshire baseball fans will be following closely the baseball news emanating from the Mesa, Arizona spring training camp of the Chicago Cubs.

The reason for the local interest, of course, is Dale Long of North Adams, a former Sprague Electric company employe, and a top member of the Chicago Cubs.

Long is starting his 6th season in the National League, and his third with the Windy City nine. Last year, Long aided the Cubs in leading the major leagues in home runs when he drove 20 balls into the seats. The Cubs, with Ernie Banks, National League MVP, whacking 47 homers, hit 182.

Long started his major league career with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1951. He appeared briefly with the Pirates in 1951 before being sold to the St. Louis Browns. The ex-All New England basketball center failed to stick with the Brownies and went back to the minors. He had two great seasons in the Pacific Coast League with the Hollywood Stars, and after being named MVP in 1953 and leading the PCL in slugging in 1954, was given a second crack at the Pirate first base job in 1955.

Long beat out four candidates in winning the job. In 1955, he led the Pirates in batting with a .291 mark and also tied for the most triples in the National League, he and Willie May each getting 13.

In 1956, Long set the baseball world on fire when he established a new major league home run hitting record which had escaped the greats of the game like Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Mel Ott, Ted Williams and Joe Dimaggio. He homered in eight consecutive games, a feat that won him national acclaim.

Because of Long's tremendous early season splurge in 1956, he was named Pittsburgh's man of the year and received the coveted Dapper Dan award, the chief trophy given an athlete in Pittsburgh.

Dale failed to survive a batting slump in the early weeks of the 1957



Dale Long

season, and on May 1st was traded to the Cubs. When he left Pittsburgh after four weeks of the season, Dale was hitting a feeble .182. Once in the Chicago livery, however, he regained his batting touch, and closed the season with a .298 mark, his best in the majors. It was good enough to lead the Cubs in batting for 1957.

Last year, Dale's batting average slipped off to .271. However, he hit 20 home runs and drove in 75 runs. Long was among the top fifteen in the National League in homers, RBI's and slugging. The manager of the Cubs pointed out Long's value to the team last winter on the banquet circuit when he stated that next to Banks, Long was responsible for more Cub wins than any other member of the team. Scheffing said that Long broke up 12 games with timely base hits or run-producing fly balls.

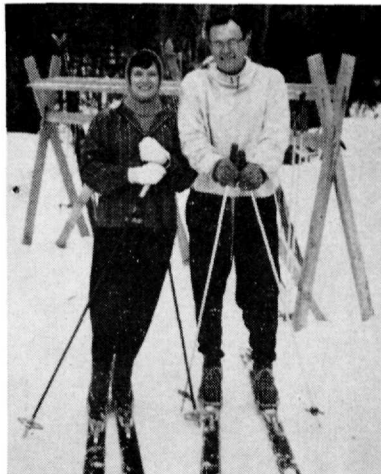
Long is considered one of the National League's classiest first basemen. For the past two years, he has finished second in the league in fielding, behind the Milwaukee Braves' brilliant Frank Torre. However, in each year, Long has handled many more chances than the Braves initial sacker.

Dale is one of the most popular Cub players. He was elected their player representative, after being with the Cubs for less than a year.

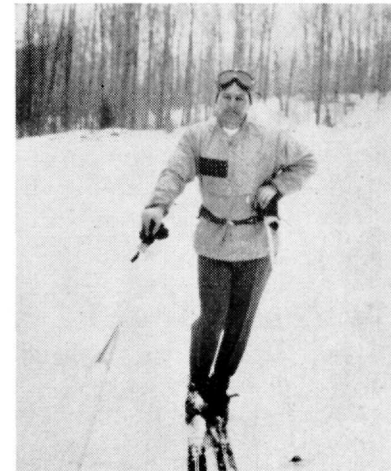
Sprague Employees Hit the Slopes



Bill Walden, Sales Office, and John Anderson, Production Engineering, pause for the camera man.



George Bateman, of Employee and Community Relations, and wife, Jackie, enjoy a day of skiing.



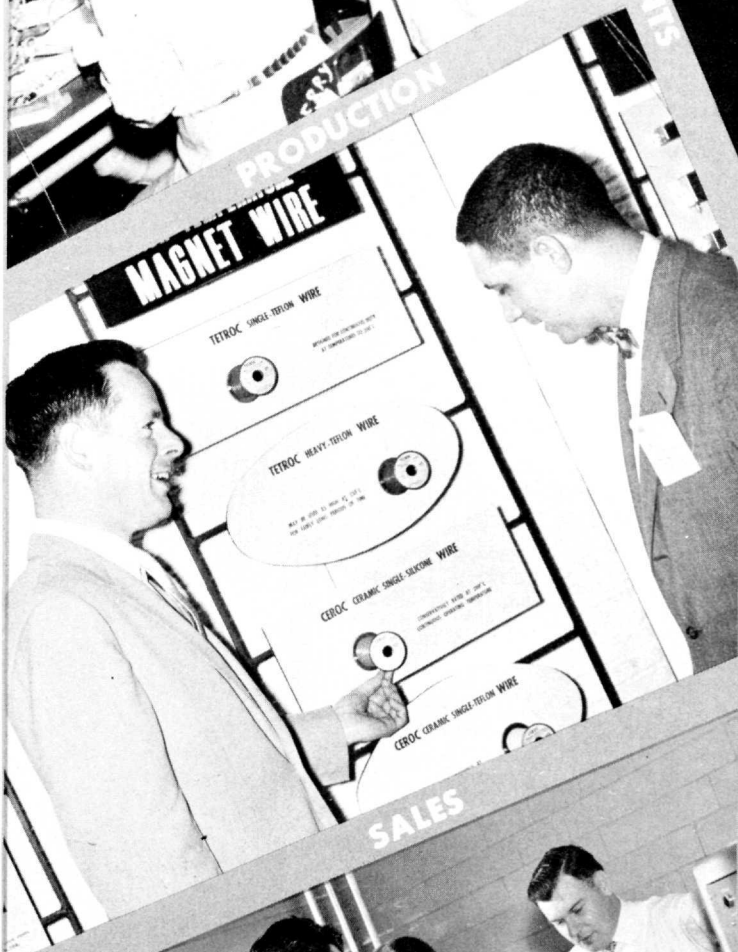
Bill Martin, Production Engineering, is a member of the Dutch Hill Ski Patrol.



Peter Horbal (1) of Drafting, stops for a visit with Jim Pierce of Filter Drafting.

Photos by Bill Martin





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a report by the  
**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
to its employees on their  
company's accomplishments

during  
1958

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RESEARCH

What kind of a year  
was 1958?



ROBERT C. SPRAGUE

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY  
NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

March, 1959

ROBERT C. SPRAGUE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
TREASURER

Dear Employee:

Looking back on 1958, I believe we can be proud of the fact that during a period of general economic recession we retained a position of leadership in our field. This was due, in part, to your continued fine effort, loyalty and efficiency.

A look at our operating figures for the year shows that our sales dropped some 7%, from \$46,187,000 in 1957 to \$43,194,000. At the same time, our net income after taxes showed a drop from \$2,220,000 in 1957 to \$1,762,000.

The decrease in our sales caused reductions in our total work force. We started the year with 4750 employees, and reached a low point in employment in March. Employment then rose gradually through the remainder of the year and reached 5200 as we entered 1959. Our monthly average for the year was 4900 compared to 5500 in 1957.

To keep pace with technological changes which characterize our industry, we continued to modernize our manufacturing facilities. During the year we constructed a new branch plant in Visalia, California; substantially expanded our Concord, New Hampshire plant; and acquired, renovated, and occupied the Union Street plant in North Adams which houses the newly formed Special Products Division.

As you know, Sprague Electric maintains the largest research and engineering staff of any firm in our branch of the electronic industry, and is continually seeking to improve present products and to develop new ones. Additions to our product lines during the year included two new types of TANTALEX\* capacitors, our DIFILM\* and ISO FARAD\* complex film and paper-film capacitors, high temperature FABMIKA\* capacitors, and Micro-Alloy and Micro-Alloy Diffused Base ultra-high speed switching transistors.

So you can see that although we experienced lower sales and earnings during the year, we did a great deal during the year to prepare for the challenges of the years ahead.

*Robert C. Sprague*  
Robert C. Sprague  
Chairman and Treasurer

\*Registered Trademarks



Here's the story for 1958 ...

# Sales and other income \$43,538,109



## Wages and Salaries

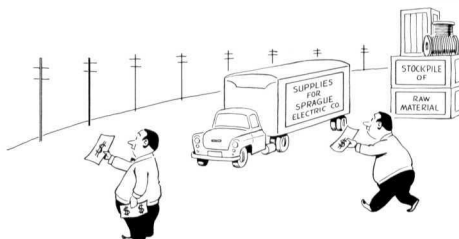
**\$20,019,574**

Sprague employee's received the largest single payment out of our income. It represented approximately 46% of our total year's income

## Paid to Suppliers

**\$17,651,642**

Your company paid out nearly 40% of its income for raw materials, power, fuel and other purchased items and services



## In taxes we paid

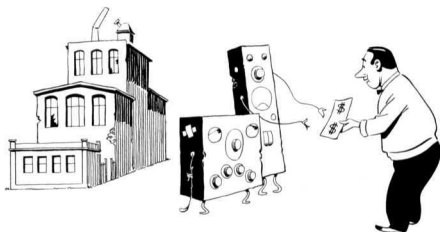
**\$2,487,799**

Uncle Sam as well as the State and Local Tax Collectors took a big slice of our income

## For Wear and Tear

**\$1,551,418**

Like your car, house and home appliances, your company's buildings and equipment, wear out or depreciate, and must be replaced or repaired





## For interest on Loans

**\$65,957**

Like many of you, the company finds it necessary occasionally to borrow funds to operate the business, and like you we have to pay for the use of this money

## Our Stockholders Received

**\$1,494,367**

As in the past few years, we paid our 2643 stockholders, \$1.20 per share, for their ownership interest in the business



## Plowed Back into the Business

**\$267,352**

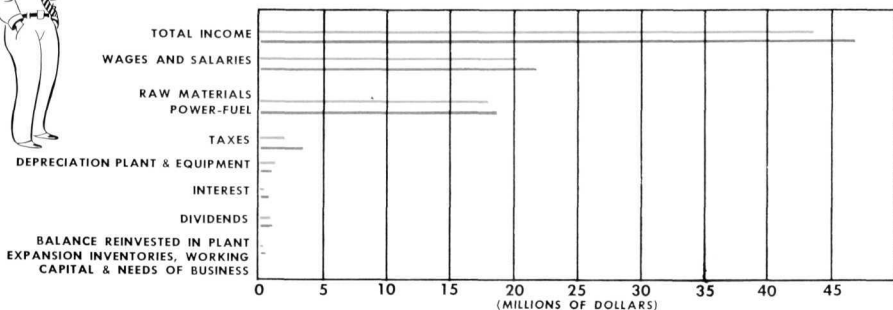
Like each family, we need money on hand to take care of expansion, provide staples on our shelves, and funds for every day use



Here's the picture for the past two years—what we took in and the proportions in which it was distributed...

1958 \_\_\_\_\_

1957 \_\_\_\_\_





**JULIAN K. SPRAGUE**

**What can we expect  
in 1959?**

**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

**JULIAN K. SPRAGUE**  
PRESIDENT

March, 1959

Dear Employee:

During much of 1958, which was our 32nd year, our operations were at a low level as a result of the recession in general business conditions, as well as the cutbacks in Government procurement of military electronics which took place before Sputnik in 1957. Action by our customers to reduce their inventories of raw materials which contributed heavily to our lower sales and parts also of the year. I am happy to report, however, that our volume began to recover rapidly in the fall, and that by the close of the year our shipments had reached a level above that of 1957.

I believe we can therefore look forward with confidence to increased sales this year in each of our three principal markets. In the military field, not only will total electronic equipment deliveries in 1959 be higher, but also the amount of electronics contained in modern weapons is continuing to increase each year.

We are also looking for higher sales in our commercial and industrial markets. 1958 was a very poor year for television and radio sets, but this business already shows signs of improvement, particularly in radios which were hard hit by the drop in automobile production last year.

Aside from home entertainment products, our main commercial markets are in data-processing equipment, communications, industrial controls, and instrumentation of all kinds. Computer sales are expected to show a good gain this year, while demand for other commercial products should reflect the growing market for better communications and safety devices on the airlines, new markets for nuclear process controls, etc.

We are in a very good position to serve all of these growing markets because of the large sums of money we have invested in new product development and better facilities in recent years, and we are therefore looking forward to a period of steady growth and progress.

Cordially,  
*Julian K. Sprague*  
Julian K. Sprague  
President

**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY** OWNED BY 2643 STOCKHOLDERS

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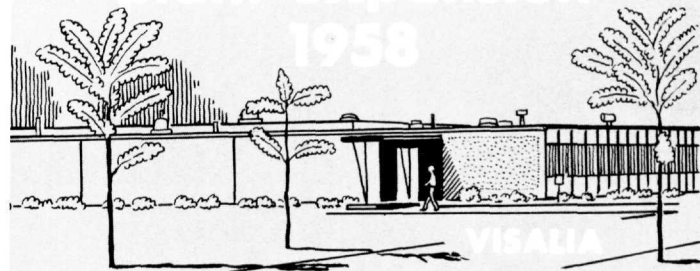
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ROBERT C. SPRAGUE, JR.  
ERNEST L. WARD

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JULIAN K. SPRAGUE President  
ERNEST L. WARD Executive Vice President - Manufacturing  
WILLIAM J. NOLAN Vice President and Secretary  
NEAL W. WELCH Vice President - Sales  
DR. WILBUR A. LAZIER Vice President - Technical Director



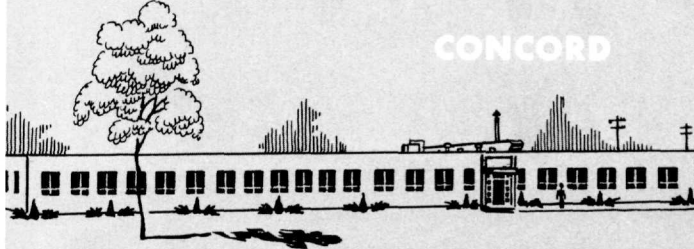
## plant expansion 1958



In May of 1958 West Coast facilities for the manufacture of filters and the design development and manufacture of magnetic assemblies and components began at the newly constructed Visalia, California plant.



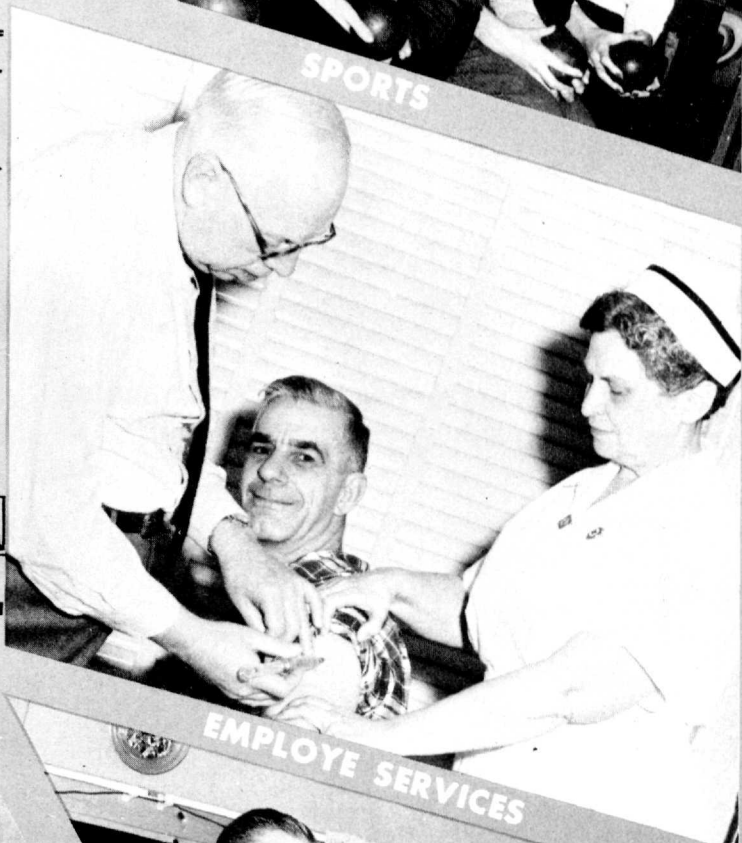
In August of 1958 facilities for the design, development and manufacture of magnetic assemblies by our newly formed Special Products Division began at the newly renovated Union Street plant in North Adams.



In September of 1958 construction began on a substantial addition to the manufacturing area of the Concord, New Hampshire plant, where we manufacture transistors and solid tantalum capacitors.



SPORTS



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